

School Nutrition Programs COVID-19 Webinar: Feeding Distance Learners in SY 20-21

COVID-19 COMMUNICATIONS

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This training was developed by the Arizona Department of Education (ADE) Health and Nutrition Services Division (HNS).

Intended Audience

This training is intended for **School Food Authorities (SFAs) operating the National School Lunch Program (NSLP)**. All regulations are specific to operating the NSLP under the direction of ADE.

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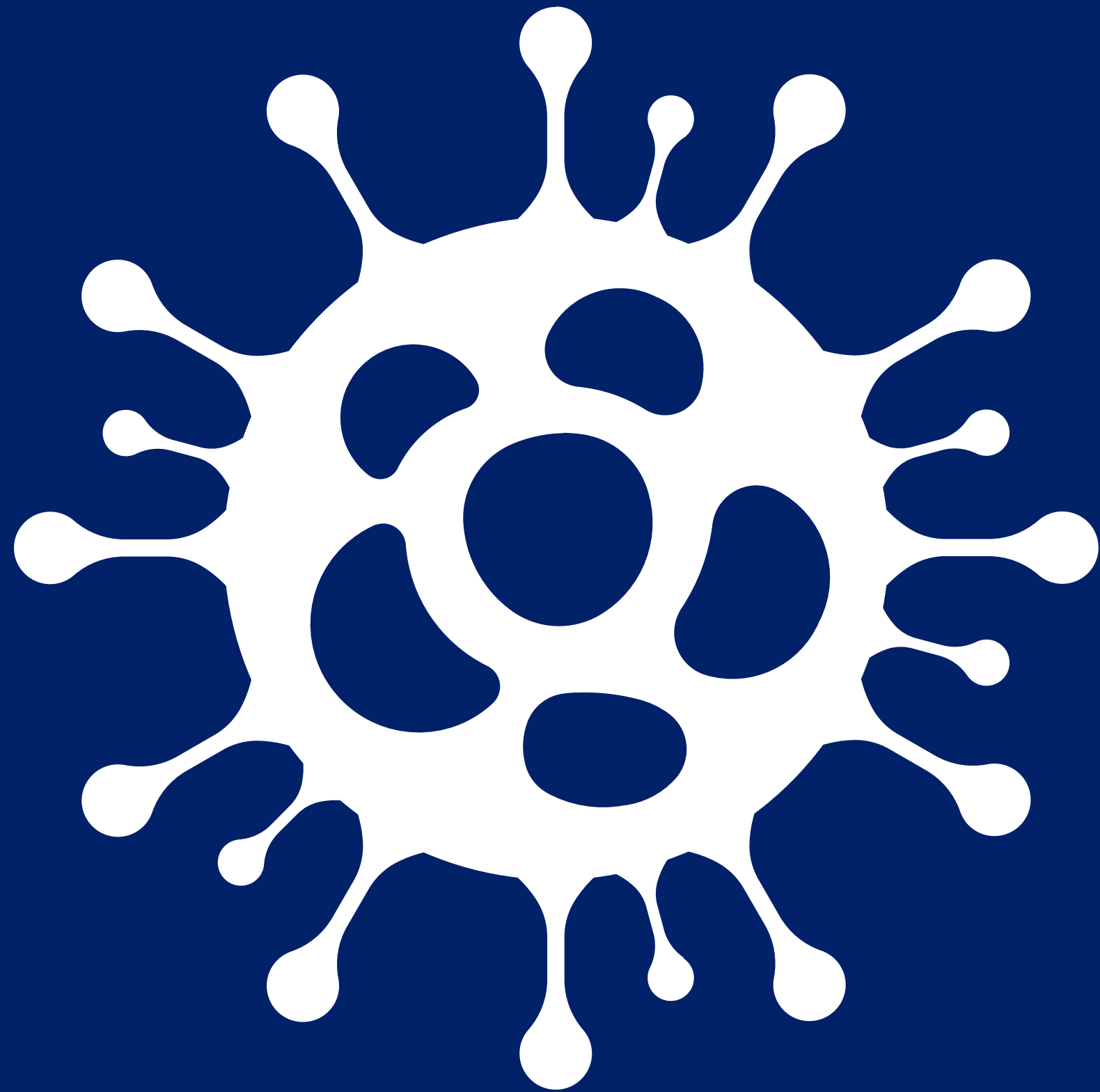
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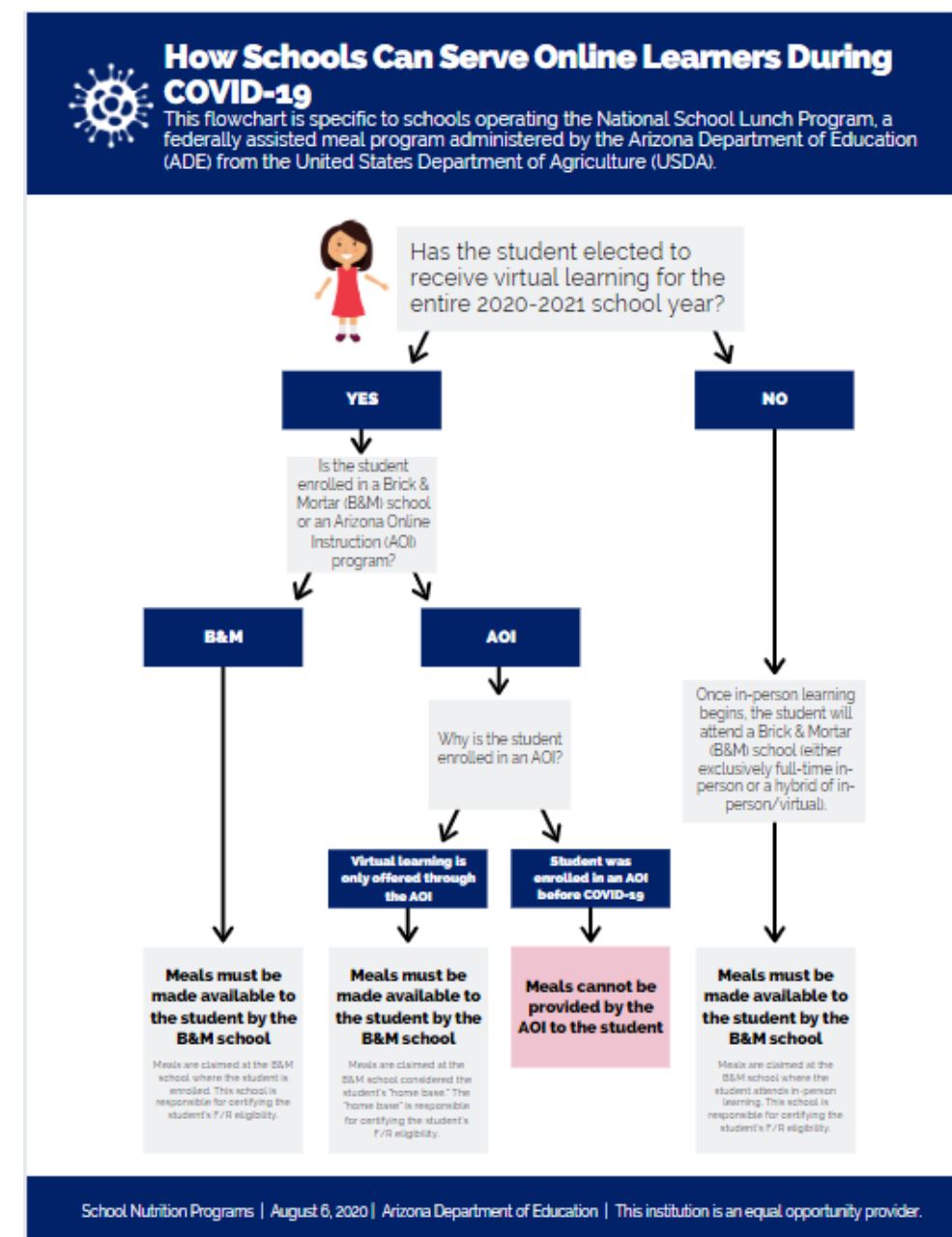
TODAY'S DISCUSSION

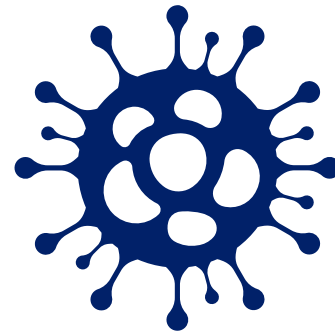
Summary of the guidance we have available regarding the eligibility of students receiving distance learning in SY 20-21.

SNP COVID-19 RESOURCE PAGE

NEW RESOURCE FOR TODAY'S DISCUSSION

This flowchart was created to help operators understand which students are/are not eligible for NSLP/SBP meals in SY 20-21, based on the guidance we currently have from USDA. Located on the [SNP COVID-19 Resource Page](#).





DISCLAIMER

ADE Health and Nutrition Services is comfortable providing only clear guidance as stated in the USDA guidance. We will not make any assumptions or infer any allowances that are not specifically stated in the guidance we have available at this time.

Eligibility of Online Schools for NSLP/SBP

Per USDA:

Students who attend full-time Arizona Online Instruction (AOI) programs are not eligible for NSLP/SBP, unless they are on a school campus that participates in NSLP participating in activities required for their curriculum during the lunch period.

As of right now, this has not changed. Since the AOI was a virtual program prior to COVID-19 and was never eligible to participate in NSLP/SBP, any student enrolled in this program pre-COVID is not entitled to a meal.

Eligibility of Students Choosing Online Learning in SY 20-21

ADE has received the following information from USDA:

If an LEA is sending a "brick and mortar" (B&M) student who has elected full-time online learning for SY 20-21 to attend an Arizona Online Instruction (AOI) program, the student is eligible to receive meals from their B&M school.

In other words, the students enrolled at the B&M schools that participate in a remote learning/hybrid model (or through the AOI program, if that's how the remote learning is set up) are eligible for NSLP/SBP.

Let's discuss some different scenarios and how this may look at an LEA.

Scenario 1

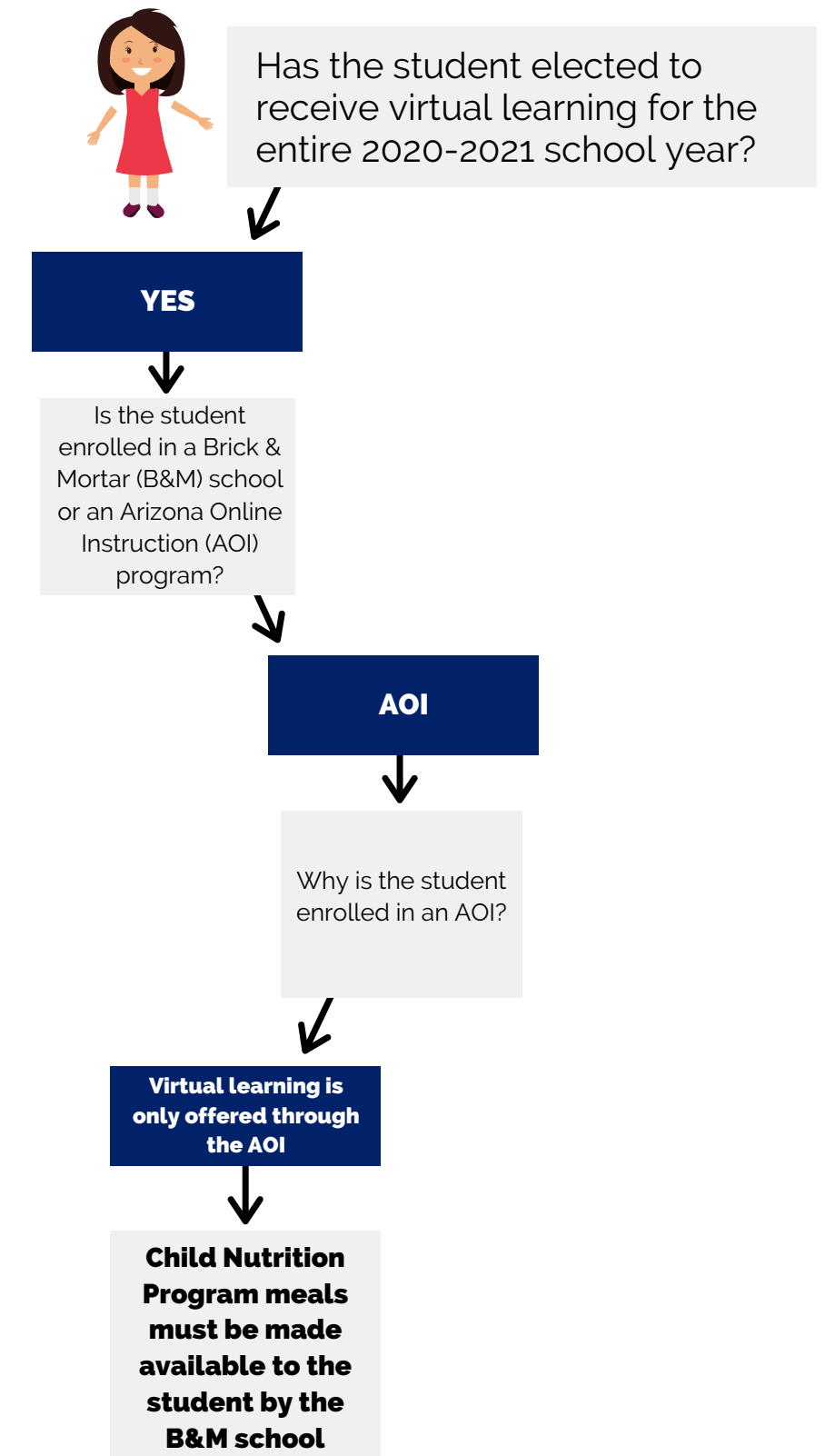
Student attended a K-8 B&M school pre-COVID. The family has chosen distance learning full-time for SY 20-21 due to COVID.

This LEA is enrolling children in their existing AOI for purposes of receiving full-time distance learning in SY 20-21.

This student is eligible for meals and will be counted and claimed at their "home base" B&M site*. The "home base" is responsible for determining the student's free or reduced-price eligibility.

The LEA will need to work with their school staff and their software vendor (if applicable) to determine how to identify these students and how they will be counted and claimed at their home base school in the POS.

*The "home base" is the site the student would have attended if they chose in-person learning.



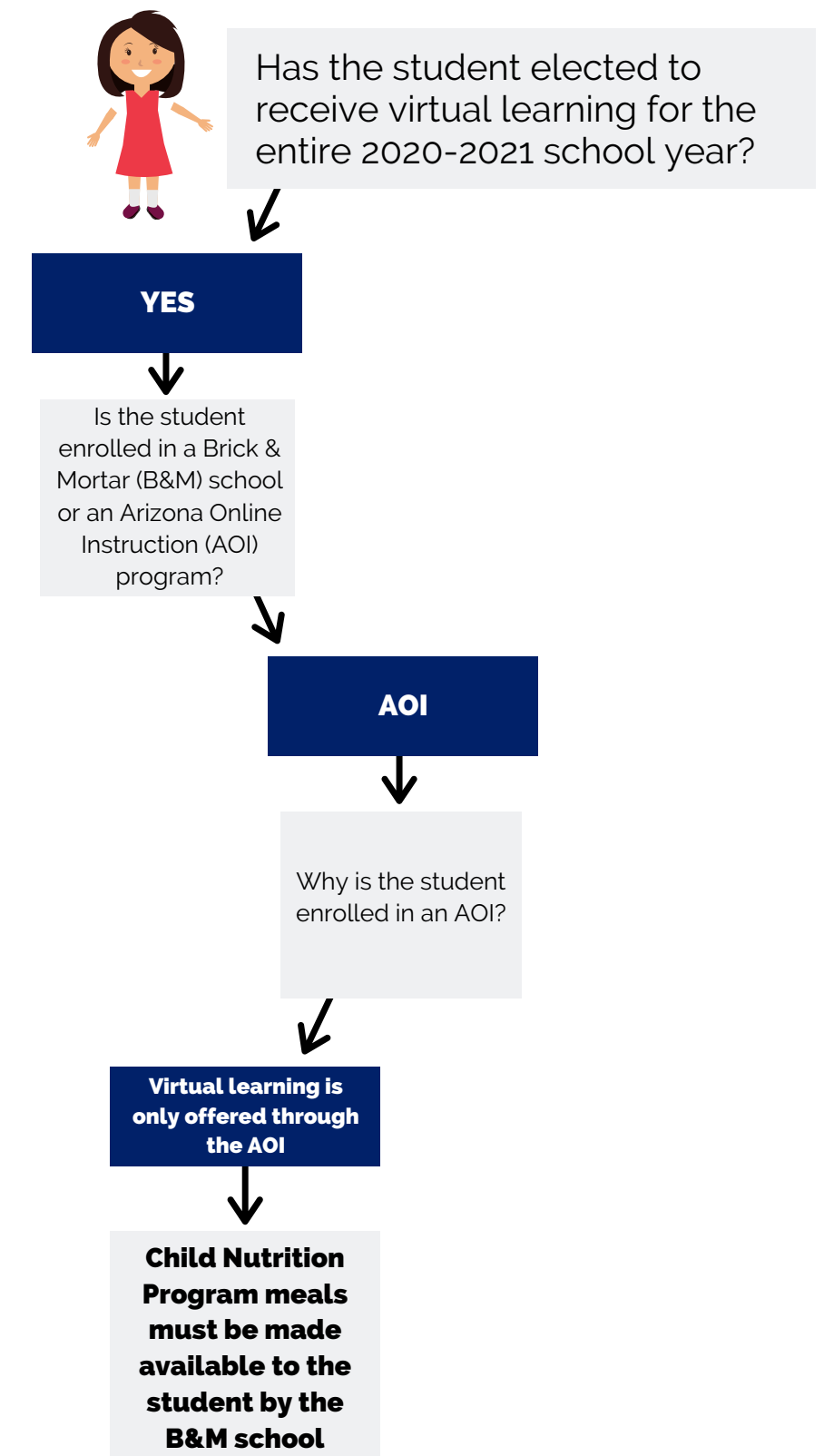
Scenario 2

Student attended a K-8 B&M school pre-COVID. The family has chosen distance learning full-time for SY 20-21 due to COVID.

This LEA has created a new AOI and is enrolling these children in the AOI for purposes of receiving full-time distance learning in SY 20-21.

This student is eligible for meals and will be counted and claimed at their "home base" B&M site. The "home base" is responsible for determining the student's free or reduced-price eligibility.

The LEA will need to work with their school staff and their software vendor (if applicable) to determine how to identify these students and how they will be counted and claimed at their home base school in the POS.

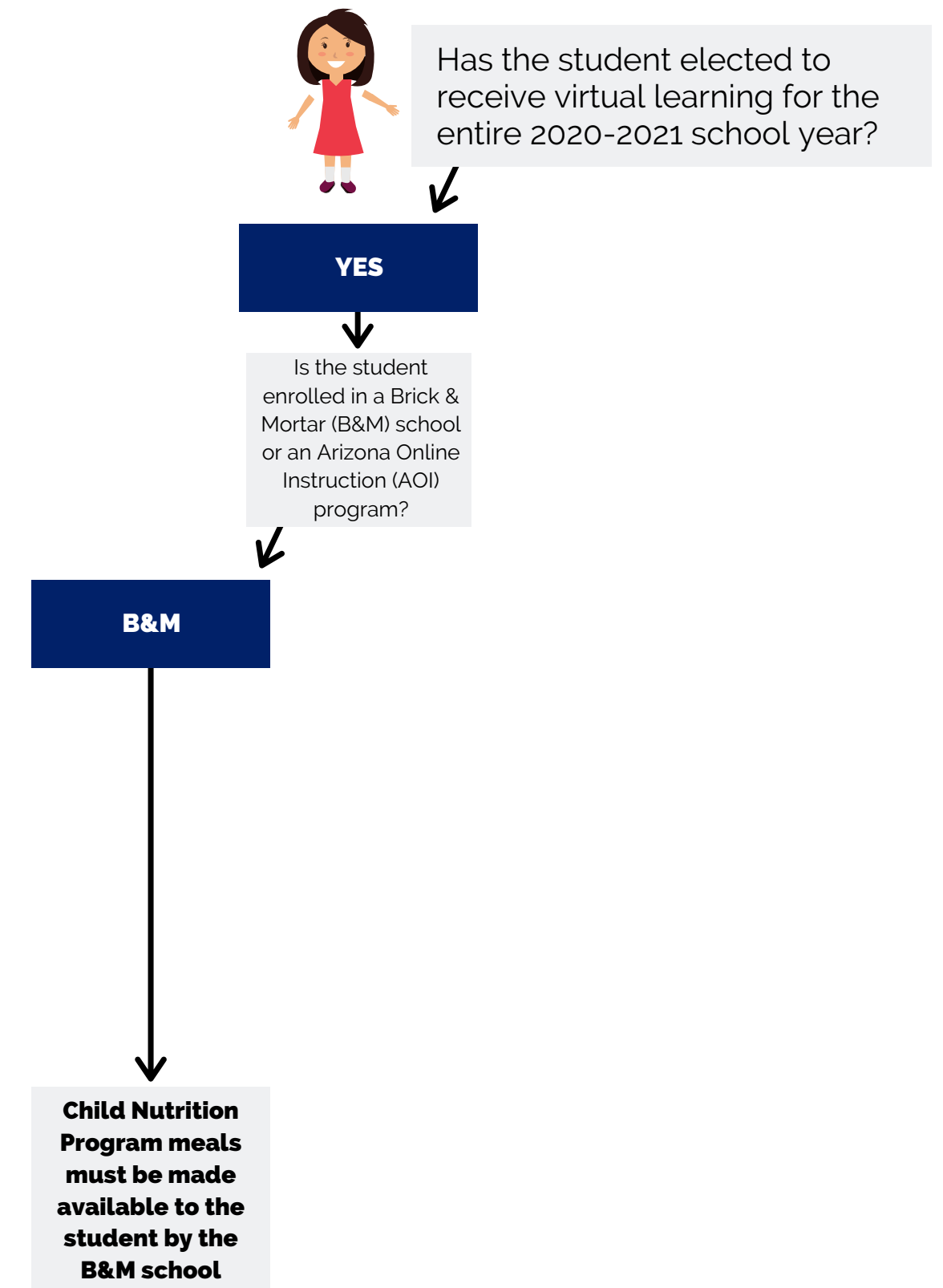


Scenario 3

Student attended a K-8 B&M school pre-COVID. The family has chosen a hybrid of part-time distance learning and part-time in-person learning for SY 20-21.

This LEA is enrolling students choosing hybrid learning in their "home base" B&M site.

This student is eligible for meals and will be counted and claimed at their "home base" B&M site. The "home base" is responsible for determining the student's free or reduced-price eligibility.



Scenario 4

A school is operating a hybrid model where half the students will attend school Mon/Tues and receive distance learning Thurs/Fri; the other half will receive distance learning Mon/Tues and will attend school Thurs/Fri. The school is closed on Wednesday for cleaning and it is not an instructional day.

The students are eligible to receive meals on their 4 instructional days each week. They are not eligible to receive meals on Wednesday because it is not an instructional day.

It is up to the school to decide how the meals will be provided for the students on distance learning days.



Has the student elected to receive virtual learning for the entire 2020-2021 school year?



NO



Once in-person learning begins, the student will attend a Brick & Mortar (B&M) school (either exclusively full-time in-person or a hybrid of in-person/virtual).



Child Nutrition Program meals must be made available to the student by the B&M school

Scenario 5

Student attends a school at an LEA that is doing full-time distance learning now through September 30th. On October 1st, the LEA will switch to in-person learning full-time.

This student is eligible for meals and will be counted and claimed at the B&M school where the student will receive in-person instruction. This school is responsible for determining the student's free or reduced-price eligibility.



Has the student elected to receive virtual learning for the entire 2020-2021 school year?



NO



Once in-person learning begins, the student will attend a Brick & Mortar (B&M) school (either exclusively full-time in-person or a hybrid of in-person/virtual).

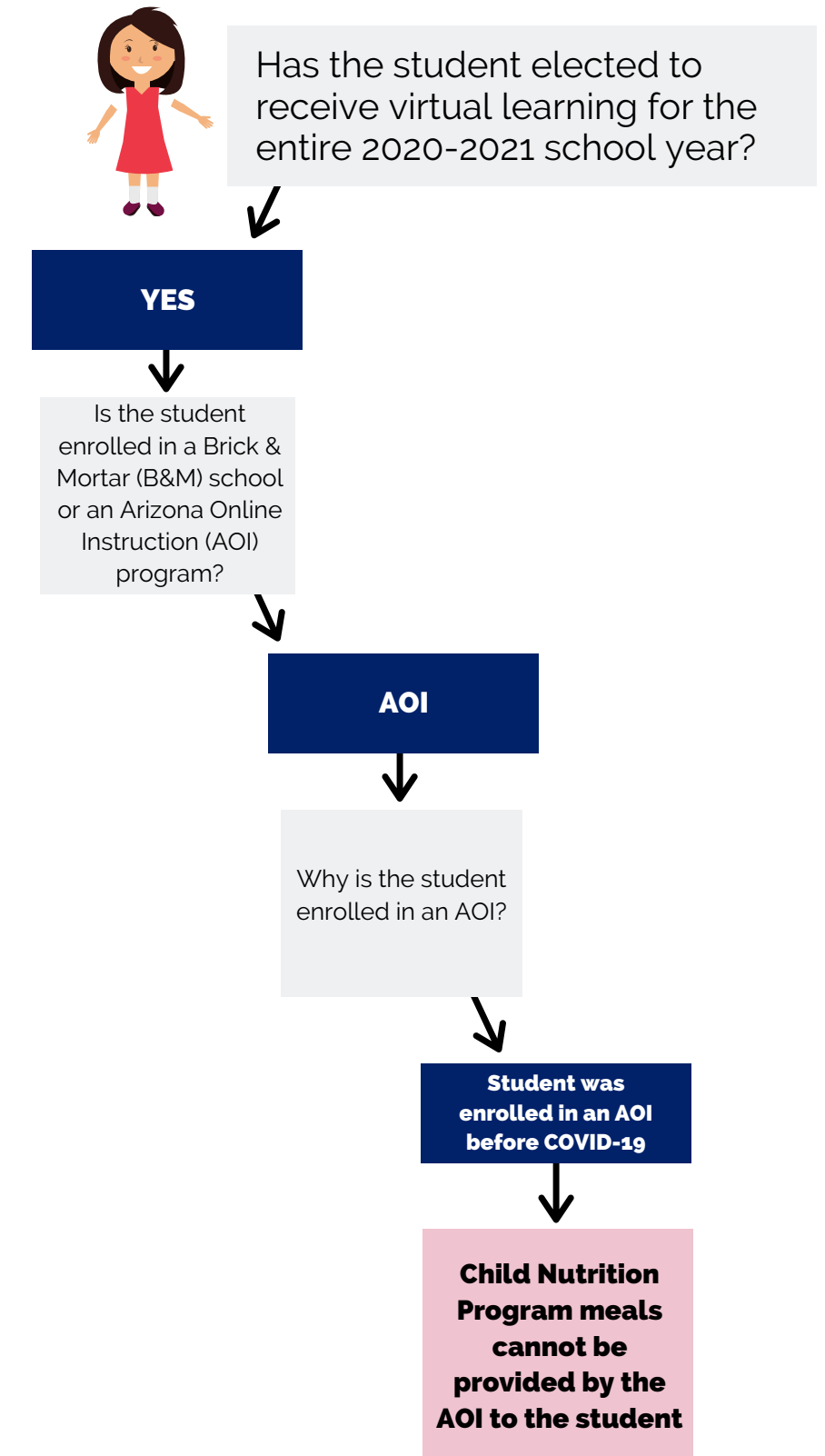


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Scenario 6

Student is enrolled in a full-time AOI that does not participate in NSLP. This student was enrolled in this program pre-COVID and was previously not eligible to receive meals.

This student is still not eligible to receive meals through NSLP/SBP.



SUMMARY

USDA recognizes the different learning methods this year and intends for SFAs to continue to serve their eligible children.

Children who were eligible for meals pre-COVID are still eligible this year, even if they are receiving distance learning full-time.

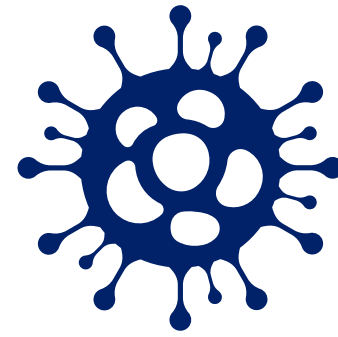
Children who were not previously eligible because they attended a full-time online school that is not eligible to participate in NSLP are still not eligible this year (assuming they are still attending the full-time online school).

NOTE ON DIRECT CERTIFICATION

If an LEA is enrolling hybrid or online students in an AOI, these students are also likely enrolled in the AOI in AzEDS. Therefore, State Match will not recognize these students because these sites are not in CNPWeb as participating in NSLP.

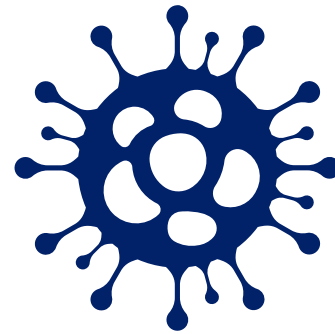
In this case, File Upload using State Student ID is recommended.

If your POS software does not recognize SSID, an alternative method is File Upload using Standard Format (First Name, Last Name, DOB) and in column D of your file add the District ID.



Q&A

Please type your questions into the chat box.



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